(c) and (d) There is no fixed tenure for which a surveyor is posted in one port. 'Postings of surveyors are reviewed every year and transfers are done taking into account various other considerations, *viz.* continuity in the interest of public office, availability of surveyors, complaints against surveyors, if any, personal compulsions etc.

(e) and (f) The details of complaints received against the surveyors of MMDs during the last three years are given below:—

Year	No. of complaints received	Anonymous/ Pseudonymous complaints	Actionable complaints
2005	3	1	2
2006	4	2	2
2007	4	2	2

On examining the complaints and conducting the preliminary investigation it was observed that there was not enough evidence to prove the allegations against the officers concerned. Hence, such cases have been closed by giving a warning to the concerned officer. In some cases the concerned officers have been transferred to other stations.

Repairing and improvement of NH 31A in Sikkim

2561. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upgradation, improvement and development of National Highway 31-A in the State of Sikkim is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when the repairing and improvement of the above NH in Sikkim is likely to be taken up and completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Two laning with paved shoulders of NH 31-A from Sivoke (West Bengal) to Gangtok (Sikkim) has been approved by the Government for implementation under Phase-A of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme – North East on Built Operate and Transfer (Annuity) basis. National Highways Authority of India has already undertaken preparation of Detailed Project Report and Bidding Documents and as per Government approval, target is to complete the work by March, 2009. Repairing of the National Highway is a continuous process and Border Roads Organisation is carrying out necessary repairs, from time to time, to keep the road in traffic worthy condition.